

CONGRATULATING BATESVILLE FFA SKILLATHON TEAM

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Batesville FFA Skillathon Team for winning the Indiana State 4-H title.

All four members of the team scored in the top 10 for individual competitors, earning them the team State title, a big accomplishment.

Congratulations to Anna, Onika, Shalee, and Blake on all their hard work and dedication to the agriculture community. This group has made the Sixth District proud.

HONORING U.S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT KYLE MCKEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and service of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Kyle McKee.

Staff Sergeant McKee was killed on November 12 in a Black Hawk helicopter crash during a routine peace-keeping mission in Egypt. He was one of five American soldiers who lost their lives in that crash, all members of the Multinational Force and Observers, which oversees the peace agreement reached between Egypt and Israel as part of the Camp David Accords of 1978.

This tragic loss of life came less than 24 hours after our Nation observed Veterans Day, and it is a somber reminder that the security and the freedoms we enjoy each and every day are not free. They are paid for by the service and sacrifice of brave men and women in uniform like Staff Sergeant McKee.

Originally from Leroy Township, Staff Sergeant McKee graduated from Riverside High School in 2003 and followed in both his father's and brother's footsteps when he enlisted in the Army that same year.

In the 17 years that have passed since, he served as a crew chief in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Korea, receiving numerous awards and decorations, including the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and both the Army Commendation and Achievement Medals.

I could go on. The list of Staff Sergeant McKee's military accolades is not a short one.

But he wasn't just a patriot who stepped up to serve his country. He was also a dedicated husband to his wife, Nikki, and a father to not only two sons but his daughter, who is expected to be born any day now.

As a father of three myself, I can't begin to imagine the pain his family is feeling right now.

I invite the entire northeast Ohio community to join Kelly and me in keeping them in our prayers and giving them strength and support during this difficult time.

I know this entire Chamber is forever grateful to Staff Sergeant McKee for

his service, so I would like to conclude by requesting a moment of silence to honor his life and pray for his loved ones.

1982 VOTE MACHINE RIGGING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, this is my third speech in a series. Earlier, I cited constitutional and Federal law mandating that Congress, not the Supreme Court, determines whether to accept or reject State electoral college votes, and Congress, not the Supreme Court, has the final verdict on Presidential elections.

My remaining speeches describe voting system failures that threaten our Republic.

For emphasis, all republics depend on election processes that give candidates and citizens confidence that results accurately reflect voter will. Unfortunately, America's election process has systemic weaknesses that too often allow voter fraud and election theft, and fail America.

Today, I share my personal experience as a voter fraud and election theft target.

In 1982, Democrats dominated Alabama. All Alabama statewide elected officials were Democrats. The legislature had 136 Democrats to only four Republicans. Democrats held every single partisan elected office in Alabama's Tennessee Valley, from Mississippi on the west to Georgia on the east.

In 1982, I ran as a Republican in Alabama House District 18. On election day morning, angry voters called me nonstop about voting machines blocking them from voting for MO BROOKS.

At first, I blew these phone calls off as isolated problems, naively trusting America's election system. That trust was soon shattered.

I am a former prosecutor. After the election, another attorney and I investigated. We questioned witnesses, examined documents, and inspected voting machines.

Our investigation revealed that 11 of 45 voting machines, 25 percent of all voting machines in my district, were rigged to block votes for MO BROOKS. In contrast, not a single machine blocked voting for my opponent or any other candidate on the ballot.

At one voting precinct with five rigged voting machines, poll workers told voters that to vote for MO BROOKS, they had to give up their secret ballot right and sign a sheet on a wall for all to see.

After the election, Democrat officials declared the voting machine problem was possibly caused by jostling in transit that somehow affected me, but nobody else.

What bunk.

My hometown is the birthplace of America's space program. We know math. Mathematically, if there are 26 candidates and a machine blocks one

candidate's votes, the odds of that candidate being blocked are 1 in 26. If there are two machines and each block only one candidate, the odds of that candidate being blocked both times are 1 in 26 squared, or 1 chance out of 676 chances.

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Similarly, if there are 11 machines and each block a single candidate's votes, the odds that all 11 blocked out MO BROOKS and no one else are a 1 chance in 26 to the 11th power, which equals 1 chance out of 3.6 quadrillion chances. Hence, the probabilities that these 11 voting machines were rigged is an overwhelming 3.6 quadrillion to 1.

So the question becomes: Who rigged the voting machines?

In 1982, Democrats totally controlled Madison County voting machines. I was in a hotly contested race to be the only Republican legislator elected in the northern third of Alabama. I threatened Democrat dominance. I was the potential breach of the Democrat Party dam.

Democrats had motive. Democrats had opportunity. Democrats had control. Democrats rigged the voting machines. Fortunately, despite the attempted election theft, we still won with 57 percent of the vote.

Mr. Speaker, every candidate and every American has an absolute right to an election system that stops voter fraud, prevents election theft, and accurately records only lawful votes cast by eligible American citizens.

As this speech and ensuing speeches will reveal, Alabama's election system is riddled with systemic problems that too often render our official election results unreliable. Each of these election deficiencies must be fixed and eliminated.

SHAREHOLDER CAPITALISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of mom-and-pop retail investors who benefit from sound corporate governance to promote free enterprise and to warn against the risks of politicizing corporate leaders' responsibilities to their shareholders.

The primary job of a corporation is to maximize shareholder value, not to engage in social engineering or politically correct causes simply to satisfy detractors of corporate America. Corporate leaders have a fiduciary responsibility to their owners which, I fear, is getting lost as leaders try to play the politics of the day.

Last year, leaders of America's largest corporations, through the Business Roundtable, issued an updated "Statement on the Purpose of a Corporation" in which they elevated so-called stakeholders above shareholders in their responsibilities. I take issue with this change because it dilutes the accountability leaders have to their owners